

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

City of Duluth

FY 2013 Application Guidelines

PROGRAM GOAL

To provide grant funds to operate emergency shelters and transitional housing programs for the homeless. Funds will be awarded for the operation of shelter and/or transitional housing facilities.

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM APPLICANTS

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations serving homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness within the City of Duluth. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to expend all funds awarded within 12 months from the award start date.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS* Outlined under the new HEARTH and ESG regulations*
Administrative costs will not be reimbursed under ESG grants.

Operational costs are allowed, and may include rent, maintenance, security, fuel, insurance, utilities and HMIS costs. Salaries for security or maintenance personnel are considered to be operational cost. Operational costs are limited to the “Hold Harmless” amount of \$120,000 set in FY 2010. Hold Harmless funds will be targeted at maintaining the current inventory of shelter and transitional housing units/beds within the Continuum of Care. The amount of funds allocated for operations will be based on the number of beds/units in the facility(s) operated by the applicant. *See eligible and ineligible cost items in the Application Instructions.*

Service costs are “capped” by HUD regulations at no more than 30% of the City’s allocation. Salaries for case management, counseling, education or other social services provided by staff are considered to be service costs, as are homeless prevention efforts. However, funding for homeless will be considered under the CDBG Public Services category. Contact City staff if your application proposes the funding of services.

Match - HUD requires a “dollar-for-dollar” match of ESG funds. Please indicate the sources of match in the application for which documentation will be submitted, if funds are awarded.

Rehabilitation of shelter buildings is not a priority for funding in 2013.

Local Requirements The agency must describe how this application fits into the Continuum of Care Plan and implements a strategy in the “Heading Home St. Louis County: a Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.” In addition, under the new ESG regulations, agencies receiving ESG funds are required to participate in the planning and implementation of the Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment process Further, Hold Harm The local goal is to maintain the current inventory of shelter and affordable transitional beds within the 10-Year Plan Continuum of 222 beds. The size of the grants will be based on an amount of \$540/bed.

Please contact the following staff person regarding questions on the application:
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